THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) during the year 2000-2001 has sanctioned loans of Rs. 3815.40 crore for various housing programmes envisaging construction of 23.76 lakh dwelling units in rural areas and 7.22 lakh dwelling units in urban areas.

(b) HUDCO as a Housing Finance Institution (HFI) extends loans for various housing programmes including loans to individuals under HUDCO Niwas Scheme. The actual construction is undertaken by the implementing agencies/ individuals as the case may be.

(c) During the year 2000-2001, HUDCO has sanctioned 3241.80 dwellings units to different borrowing agencies/individuals in the State of Andhra Pradesh with following break-up:—

Dwelling units in rural areas —	295615
Dwelling units in urban areas —	27817
Dwelling units financed for individuals under HUDCO Niwas Scheme —	688
TOTAL:	324180

Amount sanctioned for housing and sanitation scheme for urban poor.

1493. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a housing and sanitation scheme for households of urban poor with 50 per cent Central grant;

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned for the scheme;

(c) the number of houses to be built at Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai and Hyderabad during the next five years;

(d) the cost per house; and

(e) the inputs the States will be required to provide for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to launch Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana with the objectives of providing shelter or upgrading the existing shelter with basic sanitation facility for

people living below the poverty line in urban slums with a budget allocation of Rs. 100 crores for the current financial year.

(c) No City-wise target have been fixed under the scheme.

(d) The cost of construction of dwelling unit under the scheme will be in the range of Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 60,000/- including the povision of sanitary latrine for an area of not less than 15 sq. metres.

(e) The scheme will be funded by the budget grants to the extent of 50 per cent leaving the balance to be matched by the State Government with funds from other sources such as beneficiary, urban local body or State Finances or loans from HUDCO.

Unauthorised encroachments in Central Park DIZ area

1494. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Central Park made by CPWD in DIZ area, Sector IV, New Delhi;

(b) whether, there are unauthorised encroachments which have not since been removed despite several complaints;

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the officials responsible for the said encroachments; and

(d) by when Government propose to remove the encroachments and get the Central Park vacated and maintain it properly so that residents/children may be benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is an encroachment in the park in the form of a small temple, which was in existance prior to the development of the Park.

(c) and (d) The encroachment will be removed after receipt of permission of Delhi Government and following due process of law. No action is called for against any official. The park is being properly maintained.

Mega Housing Scheme for poor

1495. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state: